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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated September 11, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 17, 21, and 25-27 to read as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A flexible container comprising:
a plurality of panels joined together to form a sleeve, the panels each having an end edge that cooperate to define an imaginary plane at one end of the sleeve; and
an end panel connected to the panels at the one end of the sleeve, the end panel having at least one portion extending outwardly from the sleeve beyond the imaginary plane when the end panel is in an unfolded position;

wherein the plurality of panels and the end panel are configured and arranged to define an interior volume of the flexible container of at least about 200 liters.

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